

Georgetown City Council Meeting  
October 28, 2013  
6:00 pm

The meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilmember Showalter led the pledge.

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Showalter to approve the minutes with changes about the vote to add signage on Chambers Avenue from the City council meeting held October 14, 2013. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Public Concerns**

a) John Ward Assistant Fire Chief requested permission to close the square from 12:00 -5:00 for Spooktackular. There will be several emergency vehicles parked in the square for the children to see. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

b) David Quick Main Street Director presented a monthly report concerning downtown Georgetown. Mr. Quick is optimistic about Georgetown being approved as a cultural district. The Legacy Trail has been reviewed and the primary route will now go through Cardome. Main Street board members have completed Main Street 101. A survey about the Festival of the Horse was conducted. Mr. Quick briefly went over the categories that the survey focused on. The Main Street board plans to approach tourism and offer to partner with them on the festival. The Main Street offices have acquired new office equipment. A meet and greet was held for Mr. Quick at Unique Gifts and More on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

c) Betty Eads expressed her opinion concerning the City Clerk position.

3. **Mayors Comments**

Proclamation for Extra Mile Day honoring those citizens that go the extra mile for others in our community.

4. **AMEN House**

Jimmie Persley, Director of AMEN House spoke about the people the AMEN house serves and the funding that is needed on a yearly basis. Mrs. Persley asked that the council consider supporting the AMEN house in the next budget cycle.

5. **Franchise Agreements**

Linda Ain gave a brief overview of franchise law in Kentucky. Kentucky law requires that a city have franchise agreements with cable, electric, gas and water companies that serve customers in Georgetown. Currently Georgetown has agreements with Time Warner, KU, Kentucky American, Bluegrass Energy and Owen Electric. There is no gas franchise agreement. City Attorney Andrew Hartley and Ms. Ain recommend a gas franchise agreement be put into place for Georgetown. Georgetown has a garbage franchise but it is not exclusive. There was concern that all haulers operating in the city may not be paying quarterly franchise fees. Mr. Hartley will forward the study that Ms. Ain conducted with other cities concerning gas franchise fees. City Clerk Tracie Hoffman was asked to send a list of haulers who are paying garbage franchise fees.

6. **City Attorney/City Clerk**

- a) First reading of an ordinance to have the position of City Clerk appointed. A motion to call a special meeting on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the second reading of the ordinance was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion passed 5-3. Council members Singer, Tackett, and Tingle-Sames voting no.**
- b) Second reading of FY 2014 budget amendment. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion passed 8-0.**
- c) Approval of HUD recovery agreement and action plan for Housing Authority of Georgetown. Councilmember Tingle-Sames recused herself from the discussion. Mr. Hartley recommended that the council approve the agreement with the addition of the phrase *to the extent authorized by state law* in two sentences of the agreement. A motion to approve with the changes was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. The motion passed 7-0.
- d) Donation of 1995 Suburban valued at \$1500.00 jointly owned by city and county to the City of Stamping Ground. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

7. **Engineer**

First reading of an ordinance accepting streets in the Lake Forest subdivision.

8. **Finance**

- a) Stacey Clark, Director of Finance, provided the mayor and council with the quarterly finance update. Mrs. Clark also reviewed other funds and revenues.
- b) Mrs. Clark asked for council to approve taking funds for the Willow Lane project from storm water. This is a storm water project so a budget

amendment would not be necessary. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. **The motion passed 6-2 with Council members Penn and Showalter voting no.**

9. **GMWSS**

- a) Approval of a bid for \$157,975.00 for construction of the Champion Way water line extension phase 1 of the project. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) Approval of a bid for \$146,475.00 for WWTP#1 clarifier equipment painting project. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) Approval of a bid for \$467,640.00 for the Wrights Lane pump station and force main project. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

10. **Human Resources**

- a) Municipal order approving promotion process for fire department and police department. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) Municipal order approving a contract with Delta Dental. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

11. **Police**

The police have partnered with area hotels in an intervention program. Hotel employees will be trained to identify drug traffickers and manufactures and other types of criminal behavior.

12. **Council Comments**

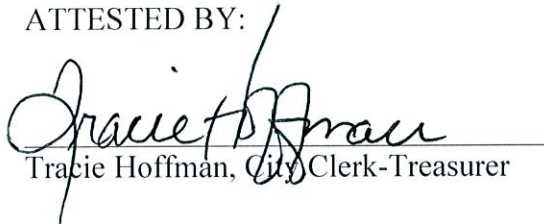
Councilmember Showalter asked for clarification concerning the increase that the city clerk received this year. Human Resource Director Megan Miller confirmed that the clerk received a cost of living increase of 1.7% not 3%

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames.

APPROVED

  
Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

  
Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk-Treasurer